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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/605,925 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>BLOSSOM ET AL. |  |
|                              | <b>Examiner</b><br>Gerald Gauthier   | <b>Art Unit</b><br>2614               |  |

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**Period for Reply**

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  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**  
***Drawings***

1. The drawings are objected to because FIG. 2 is missing legends. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1-40** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sassin et al. (US 6,058,435).

Regarding **claims 1, 8, 15, 21, 28 and 35**, Sassin discloses an apparatus for responding to multimedia communications which reads on communication server (column 1, lines 16-26) comprising:

a message transfer unit (18 on FIG. 1) adapted to transfer messages sent between a first user communicating under a first communication system (16 on FIG. 1) and a second user (26 on FIG. 1) communicating under a second communication system (column 5, lines 13-28);

a translator (36 on FIG. 1) connected to said message transfer unit, said translator being adapted to translate messages sent from said first communication system into a format compatible with said second communication system and translate messages sent from said second communication system into a format compatible with said first communication system (column 6, lines 18-29); and

a voice-over-internet-protocol unit (24 on FIG. 1) connected to said message transfer unit, wherein said messages comprise voice messages transmitted through said communication server in a VoIP format (column 11, lines 40-62).

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Regarding **claims 2, 9, 16, 22, 29 and 36**, Sassin discloses a communication server, further comprising a voice/data converter adapted to convert voice messages into data messages and data messages into voice messages, such that a voice user in said first communication system may transparently communicate with a data user in said second communication system through said communication server (column 11, lines 40-62).

Regarding **claims 3, 10, 17, 23, 30 and 37**, Sassin discloses a communication server, further comprising an instant message unit adapted to allow instant messaging between said first communication system and said second communication system (column 12, lines 51-63).

Regarding **claims 4, 11, 18, 24, 31 and 38**, Sassin discloses a communication server, wherein said message transfer unit is adapted to transfer said messages between said first communication system and said second communication system using discrete Internet protocol addresses (column 13, lines 26-42).

Regarding **claims 5, 12, 19, 25, 32 and 39**, Sassin discloses a communication server, further comprising a registration unit adapted to associate users of incompatible communication systems with an incident (column 12, lines 11-33).

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Regarding **claims 6, 13, 20, 26, 33 and 40**, Sassin discloses a communication server, wherein said first communication system and said second communication system may be incapable of communicating directly with each other (column 12, lines 34-50).

Regarding **claims 7, 14, 27 and 34**, Sassin discloses a communication server, wherein said first communication system and said second communication system may each comprise a plurality of mobile wireless transceivers and a plurality of land-based transceivers adapted to be used by emergency-response organizations (column 11, lines 40-62).

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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